

H.B. 6816

I am writing to OPPOSE H.B. 6816. This bill is another in a long series of bills seeking to infringe on responsible citizen's rights to self-protection while doing nothing to address the criminal misuse of firearms. First, the bill proposes mandating a technical requirement that is ridiculously easy to defeat with a file, sandpaper, or installation of a replacement part. Even in the absence of deliberate counter-measures, the proposed technology lacks the durability to fulfill its stated intent. If a measure increases cost of a firearm, but can be defeated in minutes by a criminal, what can it be except a deliberate attempt by its supporters to increase the cost of lawful firearm ownership in CT? Like so many proposals which increase costs of lawful gun ownership in the name of "gun control," it is in fact a regressive policy which would disproportionately impact some of our citizens who are least able to afford the costs of compliance. These citizens often live in higher crime areas, and may be most in need of exercising their right to self-defense. The same is true of the bill's proposal to restrict possession of body armor. Of course in CT this bill's proposed cost increases and reduced access to protective devices would fall disproportionately on people of color. This community has long been targeted by Democrats claiming to have their best interests in mind, and 150 years after Democrats implemented the first gun control laws to disarm newly freed blacks, Democrats in CT are still at it. Eternal shame on anyone who supports these efforts: You are on the wrong side of history.